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SUBJECT: USEC/J: COST-SHARING IN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

REF: STATE 224660

1. USEC/J'S MAJOR INDIRECT COSTSHARING PROGRAM HAS BEEN ELIMINATED WITH THE WITHDRAWAL FROM FULBRIGHT ENGLISH FELLOWS PROGRAM IN 1977.

2. USEC/J PLANS TO ASK ALL QOUU JAPANESE GRANTEES WHETHER THEY ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO PAY ONE WAY TRAVEL TO U.S. HOST INSTITUTION AFTER SELECTION. DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE NUMBER BUT IN 1976 FOUR STUDENTS PAID ONE WAY TRAVEL VOLUNTARILY.

3. VALUE OF "CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND" CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF UNIVERSITY HOUSING OR SPECIALLY REDUCED RENT FOR SELECTED AMERICAN LECTURER GRANTEES. CALCULATING THE BALANCE BETWEEN USSC/J'S HOUSKNG ALLOWANCE OF YEN90,000 AND ACTUAL RENT, VALUE ESTIMATED AT YEN854,000.

4. ECS PLANS TO INITIATE NOMINAL CHARGE FOR ORIENTATION ROOKLET FOR NONSPONSORED STUDENTS.

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERS MITSUBISHI WILLINGNESS TO OFFER GREATLY REDUCED RENTAL INCREASE FOR THREE YEARS AS A FORM OF INDIRECT CONTRIBUTION SINCE REDUCTION WAS RESULT OF COMMISSION'S STAND THAT IT WAS A PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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ORIGINAL 40 PERCENT INCREASE AND FINAL 13 PERCENT FOR FISCAL

1977 COMES TO YEN1,804,662.

SUMMARY: TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND ESTIMATED AT
YEN2,658,662 OR EQUIVALENT TO \$9,012.00 BASED ON HOUSE RENTAL
SAVINGS OF AMERICAN LECTURERS AND OFFICE RENTAL SAVINGS.
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL JAPANESE GRANTEES STILL TO BE
SELECTED AND FROM CHARGE FOR ECS ORIENTATION BOOKLET DIFFICULT
TO CALCULATE AT THIS TIME.
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